

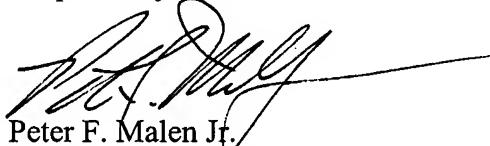
**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is solely to specify (pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)) the relationship between the present application and the parent non-provisional case identified in the present application as initially filed, namely, United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/777,917, entitled *INTEGRATED MEMORY MAPPED CONTROLLER CIRCUIT FOR FIBER OPTICS TRANSCEIVER*, filed February 5, 2001. As the aforementioned parent case was incorporated by reference in this application as initially filed, no new matter is entered by this Preliminary Amendment.

Moreover, because this Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the later of four months after the filing of this application, and sixteen months after the filing of the prior-filed application, Applicant respectfully submits that this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii).

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